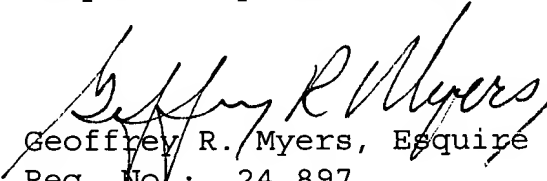


Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-33) said to be drawn to an article, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Requirement for Restriction and election, because as noted in 35 U.S.C. §121, Restriction Requirements are not mandatory, but are discretionary with the Commissioner. In the subject application, the article and method claims are obviously intimately connected (as the Examiner notes in ¶6 of the Office Action) and, given the expertise of the Examiner, it is certainly in the interest of the Patent Office, the public, and the Applicants that all of these article and methods claims be examined at one time.

Given the above, it is respectfully requested, pursuant to Applicants' traverse, that reconsideration be given to the Restriction Requirement and that all claims be examined together.

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